

## Locals.

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A most enjoyable occasion was that of the celebration of the fiftieth birthday of Mrs. William Turner, on Monday, at her residence in Salem.

—Our esteemed friend, Col. Jno. Ott, of The Southern Fertilizer Company, Richmond, Va., will accept our thanks for a well written treatise on Tobacco Culture.

Our office is in the Vaughn & Pepper building, corner of Fourth and Liberty streets, where we will be glad to welcome our friends at all times. Look for the sign, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and walk in.

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For the pleasure and honor of a most delightful serenade on Monday evening, we hereby tender to the Salem Band—Capt. Dan. Crouse—our grateful acknowledgments. Others may play as sweetly and as charmingly, but the associations and memories of the past, are borne to us with every note and echo and wave of its splendid music. They were not the thrilling martial strains of yore, Dan., charging the heart and nerving the arm to deeds of blood, but the soft, soothing accents of peace, of love, of welcome. Our profoundest and politest tip, young gentlemen.

We have interviewed farmers from Forsyth, Davidson, Rowan and adjacent counties, in regard to the extent of damage done to the wheat and oat crops by the recent cold weather. The oat crop has suffered, as it always does in extreme cold weather, but a majority of these gentlemen agree that the prospect for a good wheat crop is by no means discouraging. We confidently hope for a good crop and of good quality, because we have rarely known a failure to follow as favorable seeding season as we had during the fall. As a rule—a dry fall and good wheat.

A new enterprise is that of the chicken farm established by Mr. Z. G. Hege. He will keep 500 laying hens through the season. His farm covers twelve acres, on which he now has twenty-five houses—each occupied by separate broods. He expects to go largely into the business. No danger of overstocking the market, Mr. Hege. If you can raise 100,000 chickens and 100,000 dozen eggs you can find ready sales, and ready cash, at good paying prices for them all. Your little farm well and properly managed will be more profitable than a thousand-acre cotton farm that is plastered all over with mortgages. Think of it?

This country, according to official statistics, has imported within the past ten years, from other countries, ninety-nine millions, one hundred and seventy-three thousand, eight hundred and thirty-four dozen eggs—the value of which was \$14,369,007!! No danger of flooding the market, for it would take you 500 hens, if kept steadily attending to business, 6,521 years to supply this deficiency.

The average Drummer is a jolly, clever fellow. We like them. They with their "grip-sacks" and heavy strapped trunks, are keeping the Inter-State commerce of this country alive. They work hard, stop at the best hotels, "eat at the first table," get the best and sleep in the choicest rooms. They "know the ropes" and they always have a good joke. Not long since we chanced to hear some sharp "sparring" on a train. One of them was telling of the good time he had while at home recently and his wonderful luck in bagging game. He had killed 46 rabbits, 13 wild turkeys, 53 squirrels and 98 partridges. Another, who was carelessly lounging by and smoking, turned suddenly and said: "B—— please go over that again." "Why," said B——, "perhaps you are not accustomed to hunting." "What kind of a gun do you use?" "I don't use a gun—never shoot at all, but you see I am a professional liar and I simply want you to repeat, that I might get the thing impressed on my mind"—and he fell back to smoking while B was greeted by a yell from the crowd.

## WINSTON.

## Some Facts from the Record.

Taxes paid in Winston, 1881, \$ 4,921.83  
" " " 1884, 11,840.88

## TOWN LOTS.

Assessed value in Winston Township.....1875, \$314,747.00  
Assessed value in Winston Township.....1885, 1,106,194.00  
Assessed value of property in Winston in.....1881, \$901,962.00  
Assessed value of property in Winston in.....1885, 1,769,808.00  
Winston invested during last year \$250,000 in buildings. In 1872 the first tobacco factory was built. We now have thirty-four—thirty plug, three smoking and one cigar.

Tobacco (manufactured) shipped during January, 479,231 pounds.  
Collections at our Revenue office for the same month, \$38,338.52.

## Winston Tobacco Market.

Prices for the past week have been well maintained but with no material change in last week's quotations. Sales yesterday heavy—all the warehouses being well filled and running double sales. We quote as follows:

LEAF—Common.....	\$ 4.00 to \$ 5.00
"    Medium.....	6.00 to 8.00
"    Good.....	10.00 to 12.00
"    Fine.....	15.00 to 18.00
LEAF—Common.....	\$ 4.50 to \$ 6.00
"    Medium.....	7.00 to 10.00
"    Good.....	12.00 to 15.00
CUTTERS—Good.....	\$20.00 to \$22.00
"    Fine.....	25.00 to 32.00
RICH, WAXY FILLERS.....	\$16.00 to \$20.00
WRAPPERS—Common.....	\$22.50 to \$25.00
"    Medium.....	30.00 to 35.00
"    Good.....	40.00 to 45.00
"    Fine.....	50.00 to 65.00

## Our Table.

We are indebted to our friend Hon. J. T. Henderson, Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Georgia, for various and valuable publications relating to his Department. Among them is a Hand Book of the State, of 379 pages. It is neatly bound and is full of valuable information in regard to all the varied interests of that great State. It is handsomely illustrated with well executed maps, showing the Geography, the Agriculture, the Temperature and Rainfall, the Water Powers, Forestry and Minerals of the State.

Also an Annual report, giving clearly and in detail the work of the Department. Col. Henderson is doing a noble work for his State.

Hon. Randolph Harrison, Commissioner of Agriculture for Virginia, also places us under obligations for sundry and valuable publications.

The Reports of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, contain about one thousand pages of the most select and reliable matter, embracing almost all the chief subjects in the long list of Agricultural Industries. It is full of choicest matter and we shall give our readers extracts from time to time.

Mr. P. M. Wilson, Secretary of our State Department of Agriculture, will accept our thanks for a file of the Bulletin and several other publications, issued by the Department. We will peruse them carefully.

The Southern Cultivator, Atlanta, Ga., for February, as usual, comes laden with valuable and interesting matter for the farmers. It is one of the standard agricultural journals of the country, and merits the position it has reached.

The American Cultivator, Boston, Mass., is one of the best conducted agricultural journals in the United States. It possesses the essential quality of "wearing well." Its columns are always crowded with interesting and instructive matter, and its moral tone is unexceptionable.

The Farmers' Friend, Mechanicsburg, Pa., is the liveliest, most substantial and successful Grange journal within our knowledge, and we congratulate the Friend on the handsome support it receives at the hands of the Order and the public generally.

The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, Cal., is emphatically a creditable representative of the substantial progress and thrift of that magnificent section.

In places in Dakota the snow is said to be 24 feet deep.

## State Items.

—Raleigh and Durham have electric lights.

—Randleman will soon have a new cotton factory.

—Guilford county stock law has been in effect nearly two weeks.

—The artesian well recently driven at Atlanta, Ga., yields 200,000 gallons of water per day.

—Sandy Brewer raised four barns of tobacco, and has sold two of them for \$360, and has two to sell yet.—Press.

—An iron bridge is to be built across the South Fork river, provided the cost does not exceed \$3,500.—Era.

—D. L. Boon, of McLeansville, raised a turnip that measured 33½ inches in circumference and weighed thirteen pounds.

—A Northern syndicate has purchased the Piedmont Springs and 32,000 acres of land in Burke county.—Wilson Mirror.

—We learn that the R. & D. R. R. will soon build a handsome depot at Salisbury, in place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

—Waynesville is discussing a proposition to vote a debt of ten thousand dollars to improve the streets and sidewalks.

—The work on the Warm Springs hotel is going on rapidly. About 100,000 brk have already been laid, principally in the foundation.

—Eight hundred crates of cabbage and 3,000 crates of apples have been shipped from Lenoir over the C. & L. R. R. this season.—Topic.

—Leopold Evans raised more than grain enough last year to do him, and his tobacco crop brought him \$608 over warehouse charges.—Press.

—The gold mines in Nash county are said to be very actively operated now, and pan out very well. The Portis mine yields \$100 a day.—Mirror.

—Mr. S. G. Worth has purchased Mr. R. Frank Peterson's interest in the Evening News, and Dollar Weekly News, published at Fayetteville.

—D. A. Barkley, Esq., of Davidson township, killed, last Monday, two pigs, a cross of the White Chester and Berkshire, 9 months old, which weighed each, 215 lbs. net.

—About all the grading on the "short cut," between Wilson and Fayetteville is completed, and the laying of rails is rapidly progressing on the Wilson end.—Smithfield Herald.

—An experienced farmer informs the New Berne Journal that there is less farm work done up to this time in that vicinity than he has ever known in any previous year. The cause is not assigned.

—Mr. J. Cowan, of Rowan, says that his crop of tobacco, produced on six acres, would bring him \$600. He has already realized \$552 from it and has some yet to sell.—Landmark.

—During the recent cold spell, the thermometer stood, in Watauga county at 21 degrees below zero. Snow fell to the depth of 8 to 10 inches and the ice was 27 inches thick.

—We learn that Maj. J. W. Wilson and Col. S. McD. Tate have recently sold their marble quarry in Mitchell county to a Northern company for \$95,000.—Morganton cor. of Hickory Press.

—Arrangements have been perfected for opening a tobacco warehouse in Franklinton about the 1st of March, and soon we will have the market in full blast.—Franklinton Weekly.

—We are not wedded to Tobacco raising, but what we want to advise farmers in this section is, to try and raise such crops, or a variety of crops, so they will not be dependent on Cotton.—Home-Democrat.

—T. M. Hunter, of Old Richmond township, last week, sold in Winston, het tobacco, the product of half an acre, for \$197. Peter Sprinkle, of the same township, sold the product of half an acre of tobacco for \$154.—Salem Press.

—Mr. Anderson Olive, of Middle Creek Township, Wake County, exhibited one turnip last season that weighed 14 pounds, and one radish weighing 10 pounds and 11 ounces.

—There are several Northern in Goldsboro, to enjoy the fine hunting afforded in that vicinity. In the party, the Argus says is Mr. Heath, of New Jersey, with his fine \$2,250 English pointer, "Champion Graphic," said to be the finest field dog in the world.—Mirror.

—The North Carolina Spoke and Handle Company are just now enjoying a tremendous foreign trade. A few days since they shipped 2,000 dozen handles to one firm in a foreign country. About two-thirds of their products are shipped to foreign ports.—Patriot.

—The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad has 40 miles of perfectly straight track, and so nearly level that the headlight of the engine may be seen from one station to another at night.—Sentinel.

—And the Carolina Central has 88 miles of continuous straight line.

—While prospecting for gold in Paw Creek township, Mecklenburg county, last week, Mr. R. M. Frazier found on his plantation a rich vein of brown ore, located only a few hundred yards from the Todd mine, and thought to be the Todd vein. A gentleman named Lucas found a very high grade of brown ore at the Todd mine a few days ago.

—The Richmond & Danville system will at once put a corps of engineers in the field to survey a railroad from the present terminus of the Western North Carolina railroad at Murphy, to Cleveland, Tennessee, to connect there with the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia system, thence to Dayton, Tenn., to connect with the Cincinnati Southern.

—Mr. James Hartley, who owns the old J. C. Horton place on the Yadkin, in Wilkes county, is certainly a worker. He has lately built a barn 76x36 feet and 18 feet high. He and another hand raised 1,000 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of wheat, 30 loads of hay, &c.—Topic.

—The Fayetteville Observer and Gazette says the LaFayette band, which during all the war was the band of the famous "Bethel regiment," is to be reorganized. The same paper also says that 500 car loads of stone from near Henderson have been hauled there for use on the "Short Cut" bridge over the Cape Fear, two miles from Fayetteville.

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